

**Weather Forecast**  
Partly cloudy, colder this afternoon. Considerably colder tonight, low in mid 20s. Considerable cloudiness, rather cold tomorrow.  
Temperatures today—High, 46, at 12:01 a.m.; low, 39, at 9:45 a.m. Yesterday—High, 50, at 2:55 p.m.; low, 37, at 12:01 a.m.  
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## Continuous Day-Night Session Planned by Senate Republicans Until Bilbo Decision Is Reached

### Sunday Debate, Delay in Truman Message Possible

By J. A. O'Leary

Republicans decided today to hold the Senate in continuous day-and-night session until a decision is obtained on the seating of Senator Bilbo, Democrat, of Mississippi.

Senator Millikin of Colorado, chairman of the Republican conference, said it was agreed that the Senate can meet on Sunday if necessary. He said he gained the impression that it was the consensus of the GOP membership that this should be done.

"The Bilbo matter came up," Senator Millikin told reporters after a morning meeting, "and it was the determination of the conference to start this noon and keep on going without delay of any kind, even to hear the President's message, until a conclusion is reached."

**Answer to Filibuster.**  
This was the Republican answer to a filibuster started yesterday by Southern Democrats to prevent 35 other newly-elected Senators from being sworn in unless the oath also is administered to Mr. Bilbo.

Senator Young of North Dakota, secretary of the Republican conference, said some GOP Senators contended that a joint session of Congress to hear Mr. Truman's message on Monday could not properly be held until the Senate is organized. Other Republicans took a different view of that question, but there was no disagreement on the decision to let nothing interfere with a showdown on the Bilbo case.

While the Republicans were in closed session, Mr. Bilbo himself said there had been no change in the situation overnight. When the

### Wagner Hits Labor Act Critics, Urges U. S. Mediation Board

#### 'Reactionary Era' Seen In Proposals Offered In New Congress

BULLETIN

The Senate Republican conference today approved introduction of a revised labor bill, sponsored by Senators Taft of Ohio, Ball of Minnesota and Smith of New Jersey. It would outlaw secondary boycotts and jurisdictional and organizational strikes.

The author of the Wagner Act struck back at its critics today without delay of any kind, even to hear the President's message, until a conclusion is reached.

Instead of tearing into the law he sponsored in 1935, said Senator Wagner, Democrat, of New York, Congress should ease management-labor relations by creating a three-man Federal Mediation Board with more funds and manpower than the present conciliation service.

Anti-strike legislation, the Senator declared in a statement, "multiplies Government sanctions and



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prohibitions, and deprives either management or labor of hard-won economic freedom."

He said he is "unilaterally opposed to compulsory arbitration in any guise."

It was obvious today, however, that the Wagner Act is going to take

### G. O. P. to Limit Tax Hearings To Speed Bill

#### April 1 May Be Too Soon for Slash Date, Knutson Admits

By the Associated Press

Chairman Knutson of the House Ways and Means Committee, determined to jam his tax-slash bill through Congress quickly, said today it will be sent to a House vote without hearing from any one but Government witnesses.

The committee will receive testimony only from the Secretary of the Treasury and congressional tax experts on the Knutson proposal to cut taxes on incomes up to \$300,000 by a straight 20 per cent, the Minnesota Republican told reporters.

Mr. Knutson conceded that he may have been "overly optimistic" in setting April 1 as effective date for the \$3,550,000,000 reduction in 1947 individual income levies, but declared:

"If this bill has hard sledding it will be entirely due to lack of knowledge on the part of the members of Congress."

"We take the position there won't be any revenue loss. In the long run, we will get more revenue by increasing business through the encouragement of a lighter tax load."

**35,000,000 in First Bracket.**  
Mr. Knutson figured his 20 per cent cut, limited to the first \$300,000 of an individual income, would benefit about 35,000,000 persons. On incomes beyond \$300,000 the cut would be limited to 10.5 per cent.

There are only about 1,000 Americans in the bill's upper bracket, Mr. Knutson said, and "in general, incomes above \$300,000 are unearned."

As now drawn, the measure would reduce on April 1 the tax withholdings against wages and salaries. The reduction would be retroactive to January 1, and refunds would be paid over 65 years of making their total exemption \$1,000.

In addition to the percentage tax slashes, the bill provides:

1. No income, regardless how high, shall be taxed more than 75 per cent. The present tax ceiling is 85.5 per cent. During the war it was 90.
2. An additional \$500 exemption to taxpayers over 65 years of age, making their total exemption \$1,000.

**Some Stress Debt Reduction.**  
Mr. Knutson ran into lively opposition in the House yesterday. Some Democrats and fellow Republicans called for emphasis on debt reduction ahead of tax slashes.

A Republican, Representative Engle of Michigan, offered a tax bill right behind Mr. Knutson, proposing to raise the income levy exemption from \$500 to \$1,000 and of married couples from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

"If we're going to have any tax reduction," he told newsmen, "let's give it to the people who need it to eat."

Senator Taft, Republican, of Ohio said in a speech last night that "tax reduction must be contingent on the reduction of expenditures and a balanced budget," but that it is "essential" for total personal income taxes to be reduced by 20 per cent. This cut can be made, he said, if the Federal budget does not exceed \$34,000,000,000. He added "there is no reason why" the budget should not be far below this figure.

Representative O'Toole, Democrat, of New York said he will introduce (See TAXES, Page A-2.)

### Revenue Club Flyers Take Off for Miami

A dozen members of the Revenue Aero Club from Bailey Field, a few miles south of Alexandria, were on their way today to the Miami (Fla.) All-American Air Maneuvers in three planes and one automobile.

The planes and car planned to meet at various points along the route and shift car riders and flyers. Those making the trip are: John Thomas, Mary Starr, Ann Snyder, Marie Hoey, Margaret Vaughn, Al Hines, Everett Conder, Arnold Nelson, Edward Conder, and Dorothy Herndon and Cookie Hines.

### Man on 8th-Floor Window Sill Saved After Police Break Door

A 39-year-old man, perched precariously for half an hour on an eighth-floor window sill of the Houston Hotel in an apparent attempt to jump, was pulled to safety early today by police who broke into his locked hotel room.

Police identified the man as Russell F. Wood, who was said to have registered at the hotel at 9 o'clock last night. He was taken to Gallinger Hospital this morning for observation.

Two police scout cars, Rescue Squad No. 1 and Fire Department equipment were rushed to the hotel, at 910 E Street N.W., shortly after 5 a.m. after a report was received that a man had jumped from a window. He was sitting on the ledge of an eighth-floor window. Police said the man kept sliding out on the sill, then pulling himself back to safety.

Pvt. William J. Gaylor and N. J. Miller of Scout Car 11 obtained a pass key from the hotel desk, but were unable to open the man's door. Later they discovered it was barred by a chain, but by a bed that had been pushed across it.

Aroused by the efforts of police to force an entrance, the occupant of the room began throwing objects—a chair, a lamp, a radio and a small table—out of the window.

Fearing the man might jump before they reached him, Pts. Ralph G. McGuffin and S. O. Betts of Scout Car 12 took their post at the window of another eighth-floor room opposite Mr. Wood's window across a gap of only a few feet, while the fire rescue squad prepared to spread a net on the street below. Armed with a chair, Pvt. McGuffin forcibly prevented the man from jumping from the ledge, while Pts. Gaylor and Miller, after four attempts, broke through the door and seized him.



### News of Antarctic Plane Search Is Delayed by Garbled Radio

#### Navy Department Anxiously Awaits Further Contact

#### Nine Flyers Missing In One of Least Known Regions of World

By Thomas R. Henry

Star Staff Correspondent

**ABOARD U. S. S. MOUNT OLYMPUS**, with Navy Antarctic Expedition, Jan. 2 (Delayed).—In the least-known region of the entire world, low, white fog covering 50,000 square miles hides the fate of nine men aboard the patrol bomber which vanished after leaving the seaplane tender Pine Island on a brief mission Monday.

The area of sea, ice and mountains is almost completely unexplored. The seaplane had gone on a 750-mile reconnaissance flight over the desolate low peaks which lie back of the Walgreen Coast.

Rear Admiral Richard H. Cruzen is directing rescue operations from the Coast Guard cutter Northwind in the middle of the Antarctic ice cap, 1,000 miles from the position from which the plane last reported.

For three days two other bombers waited the first possible opportunity to start the search.

All three days would be rescuers (See HENRY, Page A-4.)

### U. N. Investigators To Meet in Athens For Inquiry Jan. 30

#### First On-the-Spot Probe Will Check Complaints On Balkan Situation

By the Associated Press

**NEW YORK, Jan. 4.**—The United Nations first on-the-spot investigation will get under way January 30 in the Balkans with representatives of the 11 nations on the Security Council convening in Athens.

The commission, named after Greece complained that Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia were fomenting border incidents, will visit all four countries. Mark Ethridge of the city's streets and the nearby countryside, freezing weather was expected to arrive too late to cause serious local traffic hazards, although considerable snow remains in some sections of the East, the Weather Bureau said.

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### Drop to 20s Forecast; Planes Clear Airport

District residents will put away their overcoats and reach for their mufflers this week end, with clearing skies and temperatures in the 20s forecast by the Weather Bureau.

A lifting of the fog and mist which grounded most planes here for the last three days brought a resumption of normal operations at the National Airport early today.

The scheduled cold snap, accompanied by brisk winds this afternoon, will be a change to Washington which has been wading in melting snow and slush since a blanket of snow ushered in the new year. With the last traces of the snow melted from the city's streets and the nearby countryside, freezing weather was expected to arrive too late to cause serious local traffic hazards, although considerable snow remains in some sections of the East, the Weather Bureau said.

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### U. S. Cafeterias Study Renewal of Talks as Union Rejects Pact

#### Strike Again Threatened As Workers Vote Down 8-Cent Hourly Boost

BULLETIN

Government Services, Inc., officials announced after a meeting this morning they had taken no action on union demands for an extension of contract, and were uncertain what steps they would take. Pending settlement of the controversy, the 53 Government cafeterias will reduce prices of food to the level in effect before the price rise of Thursday.

Faced with another strike threat, management for 53 Government cafeterias met today to determine whether it would resume contract negotiations under union-dictated terms.

The decision was forced on Government Services, Inc. last night when the United Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers, Local 471, unanimously rejected an 8-cent hourly wage increase. The 1,800 members present at Shiloh Baptist Church authorized their negotiating committee to bargain for a better contract, provided GSI would extend the 1946 contract during the negotiations.

Another resolution gave the local president authority to call a strike if the cafeterias do not accede to the demands.

To Work on Monday.

Daniel H. Schwartz, regional director of the Public Workers of America, with which the cafeteria workers are affiliated, said they would show up for work Monday as usual.

"GSI told us Tuesday night they would not extend the contract and that we would not let us work Monday, the responsibility will be theirs and it will be a lockout."

Federal conciliators who had worked out a compromise agreeable to both negotiating committees were surprised when the union membership turned down the 8-cent offer.

Union officials said the membership voted solidly against the plan because fringe demands for annual leave, sick leave, hospitalization and other issues had been entirely overlooked.

"They were particularly concerned about failure to stabilize hours," said James Harris, union business agent.

"Too often they have found their income cut by reduction of work days from eight to six hours."

The 8-cent agreement was reached New Year Day as a compromise between a 15-cent union demand and 7-cent management offer. The tentative agreement was put in force (See CAFETERIAS, Page A-2.)

### Boy Killed by Detective In Bronx Holdup Battle

By the Associated Press

**NEW YORK, Jan. 4.**—A 16-year-old boy was shot to death and his youthfulness was a factor in the death of a detective in an exchange of shots during an attempted holdup of a Bronx liquor store.

The gun battle at a busy intersection drew more than 3,000 persons. The dead youth was identified as Gerald Dowell and his companion as William Cadigan, 16. A third boy, also 16, was captured as he fled from the scene, police reported.

Detective Edward Horan received a superficial bullet wound.

**PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.**—An unidentified 17-year age boy was shot and killed by a policeman today.

Patrolman Lewis Boyle said he saw the boy and a companion taking a bicycle from a wagon while the policeman was on his way to report for duty. When the boys ignored his command to stop for questioning, Patrolman Boyle said he fired two shots. The second boy escaped.

## Criminal Charge Filed in Butter Price Decline

### Manipulation Laid To Co-operative and Three Individuals

By the Associated Press

**NEW YORK, Jan. 4.**—A criminal information charging the Dairymen's League Co-Operative Association, Inc., its president, Henry H. Rathbun, and three members of the Executive Committee with manipulation of butter prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange was filed in Federal Court today, United States Attorney John F. X. McGohey announced.

The criminal information, similar to an indictment, stated that from the drop of 10 cents a pound in the wholesale butter price on December 26.

The information charged manipulation during five days last month. The Government alleged violation of a section of the United States code, known as the Commodity Exchange Act. It provides that any person who manipulates or attempts to manipulate the price of any commodity in interstate commerce shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Investigated For Week.**  
A fine of \$10,000 or a year in jail, or both, are prescribed as maximum penalties.

Mr. McGohey said his investigation had been conducted in co-operation with the Agriculture Department for the last week.

Mr. McGohey said the investigation disclosed that in the five-day period from December 24 to 28, inclusive, the Dairymen's League put into operation a program, previously arranged, under which 668,000 pounds of grade A butter were purchased at a fixed price of 84 cents per pound. Mr. McGohey said the alleged operation cost \$561,757.

**Says Support Was Admitted.**  
The district attorney said Mr. Rathbun admitted under questioning that he had undertaken "to support the butter market at not less than 84 cents per pound in order to maintain the average price for butter for the month of December."

Milk prices are hinged to butter prices.

Mr. Rathbun, Mr. McGohey said, stated that he supported the butter price because if it had dropped below 84 cents, it would have caused a loss of 22 cents on each 100 pounds in the price of milk produced by members of the league in January.

Individuals named with Mr. Rathbun were Leon H. Chapin, Hadley Benson and Herbert Seely.

The four were called to plead to the charges January 13.

### 55 Arrested in Hungary In Connection With Plot

By the Associated Press

**BUDAPEST, Jan. 4.**—The Communist minister of the Interior, Laszlo Rajk, announced today that 55 persons have been arrested in connection with a plot to seize power in Hungary by means of an armed military uprising, and "re-establish the regime" of Admiral Nicholas Horthy, the former regent.

The official statement said "the date set for the revolt was the day set for the signing of the peace treaty or the moment of the departure of the Red Army."

The statement was issued just a week after initial reports of wholesale arrests of persons described by some officials as politicians and army officers favoring the Western democracies.

Informed of Mr. Rajk's statement, anti-Communists repeated their contention that it was part of an attempt to dispense with the powerful opposition within the government and entrench the present Communist leadership in a political order against the time when Soviet occupation troops leave the country.

### Five Greek Police Killed In Communist Ambush

By the Associated Press

**ATHENS, Jan. 4.**—Press dispatches said today that five gendarmes were killed and two wounded when their truck was ambushed by a Communist band on the island of Lesbos.

Five members of another band were reported killed and four wounded during a clash with gendarmes in Epirus.

### Contract Supplies Mencken Ale for Rest of His Life

By the Associated Press

**BALTIMORE, Jan. 4.**—H. L. Mencken has a movie contract, the like of which even contract-happy Hollywood probably has not thought of. This one came from Canada.

It guarantees the Baltimore satirist, known as the "most brilliant" of mail products two cases of ale monthly as long as he lives in return for rights to his burlesque essay, "History of the Bath-tub."

The contract was completed by Mencken, Cinema (Canada) Pictures and ale Ontario brewery. The film company gets the rights to the story, the brewery ships the ale, and Mr. Mencken gets the brew—with a provision.

A clause of the contract specifies that the ale's content will not be returned and "the author shall not be entitled to any refund thereon."

Mr. Mencken said he got the best of the deal.

### He Would Like to Get In Senate, Too, Bilbo Tells Pass Seekers

By the Associated Press

A complete tour of the office of Senator Bilbo in his office today, seeking passes for the visitors' gallery.

"We would like to get into the Senate," they explained.

"So would I," cracked Mr. Bilbo as he went on sorting his mail.

Senate met at noon today the pending question still was the motion to swear in Senator Brewster, Republican, of Maine, which Southern Democrats blocked by continuous debate yesterday.

The Republican decision to try to break the filibuster by giving the Southerners no rest apparently puts off for the time being a possible move to invoke cloture to limit debate.

### Opponents Accept Challenge.

Senator Taft, Republican, of Ohio, said the attack on the filibuster will be carried on as long as the Senate can muster the necessary quorum to remain in session. Under the rules the Senate may vote to instruct the sergeant at arms to bring in members who are not present when it is meeting.

Senator Maybank, Democrat, of South Carolina, one of those who were advocating that Mr. Bilbo be seated immediately, told a reporter that if the Republicans persist in their plan for continuous session "we will stay here with them."

Fifty-one Republican Senators held the lengthy morning conference to discuss strategy.

Senator Tobey, Republican, of New Hampshire left the conference with this comment:

"We're going to fight like hell. We're going right through the night."

When the Senate session opened today, the Bilbo debate was begun by Senator Hatch, Democrat, of New Mexico. He argued that no formal charges against Mr. Bilbo were before the Senate.

### Ferguson Interrupts.

Senator Ferguson, Republican, of Michigan, interrupted to point out that the report of the Senate War Investigating Committee, containing charges that Senator Bilbo had received gratuities and campaign contributions from contractors who had laid before the Senate and was on each Senator's desk yesterday.

On this Senator Hatch replied (See BILBO, Page A-3.)

### New Sergeant at Arms Auditing House Funds

Three auditors from the General Accounting Office today were auditing the accounts of the office of the House sergeant at arms, which is in charge of the disbursement of salaries of members and other House funds.

They were called in at the request of William F. Russell of Pennsylvania shortly after he took his oath of office as sergeant at arms in the new Congress. He told reporters the audit was a "matter of good business practice" since he was to become responsible for funds formerly handled by others.

The checkup is to cover operations for a period of years and may require nearly a week to complete, officials said.

House Democrats in the party caucus Thursday failed to make a nomination for the position of assistant sergeant at arms. Kenneth Romney, sergeant at arms when Democrats had control of the House, was expected to be named to the assistant post, but by agreement action on this nomination was delayed.